

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 27, and ending at page 5, line 11,
with the following paragraph:

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--According to the present invention, there is provided a catheter assemble of a
diagnostic-therapeutic catheter and an introducing catheter. A distal portion of the
introducing catheter has a taper-terminated portion, a linear portion, either of which
substantially engages tightly with a distal portion of the diagnostic-therapeutic catheter
without a gap (space) or clearance. According to a preferred embodiment, the
introducing catheter has a distal portion including a cone-shaped section, a taper-
terminated section, a quasi-linear section, a stepped portion and a linear section which is
thinner than the quasi-linear section. An outer surface of the quasi-linear section tightly
engages with an inner surface of a distal portion of the diagnostic-therapeutic catheter
without a gap or clearance produced therebetween. An annular space is provided
~~between~~ between a shaft portion of the diagnostic-therapeutic catheter and the
introducing catheter except for the distal portion of the shaft portion.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 10, lines 3-8, with the following paragraph:

a² --The diagnostic-therapeutic catheter (B) concentrically accommodates the shaft portion 5 of the introducing catheter (A) as shown in Fig. 6. The distal end 7 tightly engages against the taper-terminated section (En), the quasi-linear section 5b 5d or the stepped section (Ep) without a gap (space) or clearance. According to the preferred embodiment, an outer surface of the quasi-linear section 5d tightly engages with an inner surface of the distal end 7 of the diagnostic-therapeutic catheter (B) without a gap (space) or clearance produced therebetween.--